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Re: New U.S. Patent Appln.  
Our Ref: 225/50206

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Andreas CHRISTEN and Dr. Jens Thomas MUELLER

entitled: FUEL CELL SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR OPERATING SAME

Enclosed are:

1. Specification, including 14 claims (pages 1-16, plus specification cover sheet).
2. 1 Sheet of drawings showing a sole figure.
3. X Declaration and Power of Attorney (unexecuted-2 pages).
4. Priority is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55 based on Priority Document 100 35 756.3, filed in Germany on 23 July 2000.
5. X Information Disclosure Statement.
6. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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| Basic Fee                          |           |        |          |   | \$355/710 = | \$710.00        |
| Total Claims                       | <u>14</u> | - 20 = | <u>0</u> | x | \$ 9/18 =   | \$              |
| Independent Claims                 | <u>2</u>  | - 3 =  | <u>0</u> | x | \$40/80 =   | \$              |
| Multiple Dependent Claim Presented |           |        |          |   | \$135/270 = | \$              |
| Total Filing Fee                   |           |        |          |   |             | <u>\$710.00</u> |

The filing fee is being deferred at this time.

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